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LETTERS PATENT to Marc Antoine François Mennons, of the British and Foreign Patent Offices, 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, for the Invention of "**A CERTAIN MEDICINAL COMPOUND FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY.**"—A communication.

Sealed the 8th June 1858, and dated the 17th April 1858.

COMPLETE SPECIFICATION filed by the said Marc Antoine François Mennons at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition and Declaration, on the 17th April 1858, pursuant to the 9th Section of the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

5 **TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, MARC ANTOINE FRANÇOIS MENNONS**, of the British and Foreign Patent Offices, 39, Rue de l'Echiquier, Paris, in the Empire of France, send greeting.

10 **WHEREAS** I am in possession of an Invention for "**A CERTAIN MEDICINAL COMPOUND FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY,**" communicated to me from a foreigner residing abroad, and have petitioned Her Majesty to grant unto me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, Her Royal Letters Patent for the same, and made solemn declaration that it is a communication:

15 **NOW KNOW YE**, that I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, do hereby declare that the following Complete Specification, under my hand and seal, fully describes and ascertains the nature of the Invention, and the manner in which the same is to be performed, that is to say:—

Mennons' Medicinal Compound for the Treatment of Epilepsy.

The Invention communicated to me consists of a medicinal compound for the treatment of epilepsy prepared with the following ingredients,—

Cinnabar	-	-	-	144 grains.	
Mistletoe	-	-	-	144 grains.	
Castoreum	-	-	-	72 grains.	5
Succinum	-	-	-	72 grains.	
Essence of marjoram			-	18 grains.	
Peruvian balsam	-	-	-	72 grains.	
Syrrup of piony, as required.					

The solid ingredients of the above list are finely triturated, and the whole 10 made into eighteen pills, the syrrup of piony being employed in sufficient quantity for this purpose.

As a general rule, the following course of treatment should be adopted previous to the employment of the above compound.

During three months, the patient should drink about one pint per day of 15 the following preparation :—

Senna	-	-	-	4½ oz.	apothecaries' weight.	
Manna	-	-	-	1 oz.	do.	do.
Sarsaparilla	-	-	-	1¼ oz.	do.	do.
Marsh mallow root	-	-	-	¾ oz.	do.	do.
Water	-	-	-	4 quarts.		20

A foot bath should be taken morning and evening. At the expiration of these three months the following preparation should be employed :—

Senna	-	-	-	½ oz.	apothecaries' weight.	
Jalap	-	-	-	1 oz.	do.	do.
Light white wine			-	1 quart.		25

These are mixed and distilled at as low a temperature as possible. The product of the distillation is mixed with about one pound weight of any convenient syrrup, and a wine glass full taken morning and evening.

The patient then employs the pills first described, one each morning and 30 evening, and continues them till all traces of the disease have disappeared, a result often obtained in from one to three months.

The utmost temperance should be observed in diet during the whole treat- ment, and the patient should entirely abstain from alcoholic or other beverages of an exciting nature. 35

Having thus described the nature of the said Invention, and the most efficacious manner of carrying out the same, I would have it understood that I lay no claim to the last-named preparations, but simply suggest them as valuable auxiliaries to the employment of the compound pills first described.

Mennons' Medicinal Compound for the Treatment of Epilepsy.

I do not, on the other hand, restrain myself to the exact proportions given of the ingredients of which these pills are formed, as these proportions may be varied, according to the age, temperament, and general constitution of the patient. But what I claim is, the preparation of a remedy for epilepsy from
5 the ingredients first above enumerated, to be employed as pills or in any other convenient form.

In witness whereof, I, the said Marc Antoine François Mennons, have hereto set my hand and seal, this Seventeenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

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M. F. MENNONS. (L.S.)

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